

## HEALTH POLICY

Your cooperation is needed to help maintain the high health standards in our program and to help protect all our children from unnecessary illness. **Children may not attend school if any of the following symptoms are present:**

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or more. ***Children must be free of fever for at least 24 hours unassisted by fever-reducing medication AND a clearance note from your HCP before returning to school.***
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Heavy nasal discharge requiring frequent wiping every 3-5 minutes
- Persistent, non-productive or “barking” cough
- Sore throat
- Fussy, cranky behavior unlike the child’s normal demeanor
- Skin rash, including diaper rash
- Head lice
- Symptoms of a communicable disease such as pink eye, measles, chicken pox, mumps, or strep throat

If your child DOES NOT attend morning preschool due to illness, he/she may NOT attend aftercare programs.

We reserve the right to refuse admittance to any student who shows a sign of illness. Children who become ill at school will be made comfortable and parents will be notified to pick them up within one hour.

### Exclusion Criteria:

| Condition:        | If your child has been diagnosed with this disease, our program will:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | When to allow child to return:                                                        |
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| Chicken Pox       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temporarily exclude the sick child from child care</li><li>• Notify all parents regarding possible outbreak</li><li>• Contact the Child Care Health Consultant if needed to find out the other preventative measures to take</li><li>• Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures</li></ul>                                                                                                   | Approximately 6 – 7 days after the rash begins or when ALL blisters have scabbed over |
| Diarrheal Disease | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A first excessively loose stool will constitute a call to the parent. New diet may be the cause.</li><li>• After the 2nd loose stool, the child will be sent home until diarrhea subsides and normal stools are produced at home.</li><li>• Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures.</li><li>• When a child returns after a bout of diarrhea, it is a provisional return; if the</li></ul> | When child is diarrhea-free for 48 hours                                              |

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|                             | child experiences another bout of diarrhea, he or she must be picked up immediately.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                    |
| Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exclude if child has open, draining lesion on hand or has lesion in the mouth and is drooling.</li> <li>Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                  | When lesions heal or drooling ceases                                                               |
| Head Lice                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude from child care</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 24 hours after treatment and no signs of nits or lice                                              |
| Ringworm                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude the child if lesions cannot be covered</li> <li>Carefully follow hand washing cleaning procedures</li> <li>If medication needs to be applied during the day for ringworm, the parent must come to the Preschool to apply medication. Teachers will not administer medication for ringworm.</li> </ul> | Lesion must be covered at all times after treatment begins and the lesion starts to shrink         |
| Strep Throat                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude the child that is complaining of a sore throat</li> <li>Carefully follow hand washing cleaning procedures</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  | 24 hours after antibiotics are begun                                                               |
| Pink Eye                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude the child with</li> </ul> <p>Carefully follow hand washing cleaning procedures</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 24 hours after first dose of medication and symptoms are mild                                      |
| Fifth disease               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude the child from child care if the child is unable to participate in center activities or has a fever</li> <li>Program will notify all parents</li> <li>Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures</li> </ul>                                                                                | After red rash disappears                                                                          |
| Fever                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude child from child care if child has a fever above 100.4 degrees by ear</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | After child has been fever free for 24 hours without medication and a clearance note from you HCP. |
| Ear Infection               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude child from child care if child has a fever above 100.4 degrees by ear</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Child can return after 24 hours and a confirmed doctor diagnosis.                                  |
| Sinus infection             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude child from child care if child has a fever above 100.4 degrees by ear</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Child can return after 24 hours and a confirmed doctor diagnosis.                                  |
| Viral Infection             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude child from child care if child has a fever above 100.4 degrees by ear</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Child can return after 24 hours and a confirmed doctor diagnosis.                                  |

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| COVID-19                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude child from child care if child has fever above 100.4 degrees by ear</li> <li>Notify Director immediately</li> <li>Notify classroom(s) concerning quarantine and exposure</li> </ul>                      | TBA at the discretion of the CDC and DHEC regulations                                                                                 |
| Vomiting                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude the child from child care if the child is unable to participate in center activities or has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher</li> <li>Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures</li> </ul> | <p>Child can return 48 hours after vomiting has stopped and fever free for 24 hours</p> <p>*exception for known medical condition</p> |
| Pertussis (Whooping cough) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude the child from child care if the child is unable to participate in center activities or has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher</li> <li>Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures</li> </ul> | Three weeks after intense coughing begins or five days after antibiotic treatment has begun                                           |
| Bacterial Meningitis       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily exclude the child from child care if the child is unable to participate in center activities or has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher</li> <li>Carefully follow hand washing and cleaning procedures</li> </ul> | After fever free for 48 hours and completion of a closely supervised program of antibiotics;                                          |

***\*Child can return after 24 hours, this means that your child will be out of the program for one full day after being sent home.***

Georgetown Presbyterian Preschool cannot administer prescription drugs for our children, including, but not limited to, numbing ear drops, cough syrup, Children's Tylenol, Children's Motrin or other "comfort medicines"